

O'Hare airport is the key to the economic future of our state. I am very happy that the Secretary of Transportation, Norm Mineta, approved the federal funding we will need to modernize the airport. The commitment of \$300 million will unlock over \$10 billion in other private and public financing to ensure that O'Hare is second to none. In the future, our leadership in this area will attract more high paying employers, like Boeing, improving family incomes and generating the needed revenues for schools, roads and more jobs. We estimate this project alone could create over half a million new family incomes. This is a great bipartisan victory that will make Chicago the center of the 21st century aviation economy.